

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application of :	Karl-Werner DÖRR, et al
Priority Date :	February 21, 2001
Title of the Invention :	THERMAL INSULATING SHEET METAL PANEL WITH ...

PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT

Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, please insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, before the paragraph which begins with "It is an object of," please insert --  
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 3, before the paragraph, which begins with "An embodiment of," please insert --  
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3 and 4 to remove their multiple dependencies as follows. A "marked-up" version of the amended claims is enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(1).

--3. (Amended) A sheet metal panel according to claim 1, characterised in that the adhesive (19, 20) is a layer of bituminous material.

--4. (Amended) A sheet metal panel according to claim 1, characterised in that the bores (23) in the cover sheet (1) forming the underside are provided with a closure (26) acting as a vapour barrier.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please delete the last line, which begins with "The single Figure is intended."

**REMARKS**


Amendments are being made to claims 3 and 4 to remove their multiple dependencies.

Please proceed to examine the application as amended herein.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**Amended Claims - Marked-Up Version**

3. (Amended) A sheet metal panel according to [claims 1 or 2] claim 1, characterised in that the adhesive (19, 20) is a layer of bituminous material.

4. (Amended) A sheet metal panel according to [one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, characterised in that the bores (23) in the cover sheet (1) forming the underside are provided with a closure (26) acting as a vapour barrier.